

Testimony on S.B. No. 837 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM. (ENV)

I'm writing to you as a resident of Greenwich. I'm concerned about the health and environmental impacts of PFAS chemicals. These chemicals are found in firefighting foam, food packaging/food service ware, textiles, cookware and many other products.

These "forever chemicals" don't break down and have contaminated drinking water and other water sources across the U.S.. Connecticut's Farmington River was contaminated after a spill of firefighting foam at the Westchester county airport in New York.

I hope that you will go further than banning PFA's in firefighting foam, and join Maine, NY and Washington in banning PFAS from food packaging. PFAS in packaging leach into food and water. PFAS have been found in the tap water of millions of homes across the United States. Furthermore, the United States Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) found that PFAS were more harmful than previously thought, stating that supposed "safe levels" were 10 times less than previously thought.

I urge you to be a leader on comprehensive actions to restrict PFAS in 2021. Actions include:

- 1) restricting PFAS in firefighting foam and food packaging;
- 2) setting a strict drinking water standard (MCL) for PFAS

I'll be following this closely and thank you in advance for your leadership.

Thank you,

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